

Greg and Anna return to Renaissance Island to be married in the place where they fell in love.

Sunday's joyous union of two young lovers was an evening full of wonderful memories for the bride and groom, Anna Goodsmith and Greg Kahn of Charlotte, N.C. A beautiful spiritual ceremony on the beach of Renaissance Island was their dream from the day that Greg proposed, just before Christmas 2004, and Renaissance Wedding Planner Angela Hagadoorn saw to it that they were not disappointed in realizing that dream.

Twenty-eight year old Greg has been a visitor to Aruba since he was a baby, as his parents, Hank and Ann have been vacationing here for almost thirty years, and own timesharing at the Casa Del Mar. For quite some time Greg had been in pursuit of the lovely Anna, but she was keeping the relationship platonic. A very clever Greg invited Anna to join him on a "friendly" visit to the island with his parents three years ago, with the hope that love would blossom, and how could it not, on a romantic place like Aruba? Blossom it did, and Greg and Anna credit their favorite hangout, The Paddok, as the place where their love began to grow. During their stay, it was further cemented by a day spent on Renaissance Island amongst the flamingoes on the beach, and so for them, the only place to be joined in matrimony was on that very same beach. "We came to Aruba as friends, and left as lovers," they declare.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, and the flamingoes frolicked, Anna's brother Jamie led her down the island to join Greg at the alter where he was attended by his Best Man, brother Brian. Anna's sister Heidi served as her Maid of Honor, and Reverend Miles Osborne of the Universal Life Ministry performed a lovely service. The bride was breathtaking in champagne taffeta and lace, and Greg was seen to shed a tear or two as he and Anna said their vows, realizing he had finally and fully won the heart of the girl of his dreams.

A festive evening followed, and it held special memories for Anna and Greg, returning to the place where their love came to full fruition. Even their first dance had special memories, as it was done to the song "Let's Get Lost." As Greg explains "while on our first date in North Carolina, we went out on a boat for the afternoon, and I got lost coming back." Despite getting lost, it looks like he found the love of his life and the perfect place and time to fully proclaim that love to the world, on the beach at sunset in Aruba. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Kahn, may we see you in Aruba for many anniversaries!